

THE PLAGUE AND ITS GRIP.

The week's plague deaths in Bombay amount to 33, and the total from all causes to 1,724. The death rate being 108.7. The normal total of deaths would be 746 for the week, and the normal death rate 43.7. Yesterday there were 11 cases and 145 deaths from plague, and from all causes 281 deaths. The position continues to cause great anxiety.

GENERAL KITCHENER AND THE WAR CORRESPONDENTS.

The London Daily Telegraph says that Lord Salisbury has advised a modification of General Kitchener's prohibition against the war correspondents.

A MILITARY RULING.

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A MAJOR KILLED AT POLO AT UNBHALLA.

Major Winn of the Rifle Brigade, has been killed by a fall at polo at Unbhalia.

THE FRONTIER OPERATIONS.

The flying column sent against the Akh Khol, occupying the hills to the east of the frontier, has been successful in driving the Akh Khol from the hills.

The Indian Marine steamer *Patric Stewart* has sailed from Karachi for Puni and the Harwar Mountain Battery and a quantity of arms.

Colonel Mayne is experiencing considerable difficulty in his march to Puni on the Mohan Coast. His transport column, composed of mules and pack animals, has been delayed by the heavy rain.

The latest news from Mohan tends to confirm the impression that Colonel Mayne's column will reach Puni in a few days.

A runner from Haidak arrived at Mohan on Sunday from the Naam of the Khan of Kalat, bearing a letter dated the 18th instant, in which the Naam states that his position is getting critical, but as he is not yet ready to surrender, he is not yet ready to surrender.

Every effort is being made to hurry up this column transport, and the train is expected to reach Mohan on Sunday.

The Naam reports that one Mansab Khan has joined the British. Four more of the Survey party have also joined the British.

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A half squadron of the 6th Cavalry Cavalry have been ordered to leave Karachi for Puni to reinforce Colonel Mayne's column.

It is reported that the local headmen have joined the British, who intend to oppose the advance of the British.

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